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#### LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### City Council Recognizes Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day in Los Angeles on September 19, 2017

On September 19th, Councilmember Paul  Koretz, along with Councilwomen Nury Martinez (CD6) and Monica Rodriguez (CD7) introduced a resolution that officially recognized Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day in the City of Los Angeles. September is also National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the United States.

As part of the presentation, the Los Angeles City Council also recognized Paulinda Babbini, president and founder of **The Ovarian Cancer Circle** ([www.theovariancancercircle.org](http://www.theovariancancercircle.org)), the non-profit organization that she started in 2010 in memory of her daughter, Robin Babbini, who lost her battle with ovarian cancer at twenty years old. Also honored was Dr. Sanaz Memarzadeh, a professor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA and the director of the G.O. Discovery Laboratory. She is a leading-edge scientist and ovarian cancer surgeon who has treated countless women with this disease.



Ovarian Cancer is one of the deadliest gynecologic cancers. More than 22,000 women are diagnosed each year with a 50 percent mortality rate. And for those who fight it successfully, there is still a 50 percent chance of recurrence. Ovarian Cancer can happen to any woman at any age. Women should know that annual pap tests do not detect ovarian cancer. In fact, there is no early detection test for the disease other than a CA125 (that measures for the cancer antigen 125 protein) which is not always accurate. Therefore, ovarian cancer usually gets diagnosed in the later stages of the disease which is partly why it has a high mortality rate. Women who are concerned that they might have [symptoms](#) should talk to their doctor about a transvaginal sonogram exam, although insurance companies may not cover the procedure.


#### COMMUNITY NEWS

### Historic Century Hotel and Condo Protection Project

Site preparation is well underway at the Historic Century Plaza Project (2025 Avenue of the Stars) located at the corner of Avenue of the Stars and Constellation Blvd. Started in February, Webcor, the construction company is providing regular details on the upcoming project activities and they would like you to know the following:



- The Occupational Safety and

Health Administration (OSHA)   
requires all trucks and equipment  
(such as forklifts) to have audible  
back-up alarms. Additionally, the  
tower crane operators are required  
to sound their horn when hoisting a  
load overhead.

- Normal Working Hours: M-F from  
7am – 6pm/ Sat 8am – 6pm

For general questions or comments,  
please call the project hotline at  
[855-240-7430](tel:855-240-7430)

## Are You Prepared for A Disaster?



Save the Date: The 10th Annual Valley Disaster Fair will be held on October 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm at the Northridge Fashion Center (9400 Shirley Ave.). This is a fun and informative event that might save your life, your pet's life, or the life of a loved one. The event is completely free – Free Admission, Free family, Free Parking and Free Food. Everything is free at the Fair to encourage everyone to be disaster ready. Register online at [www.ValleyDisasterFair.com](http://www.ValleyDisasterFair.com) for a free family emergency preparation kit and a schedule of the day's events.

## SEEKING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

### OurLA2040 General Plan Update Community Conversations

For the first time in nearly fifty years, the City of Los Angeles is undertaking a comprehensive update to its guiding vision, the General Plan. This initiative, OurLA2040, will result in a new 20-year citywide plan to be adopted in 2020, which will put into place strong and visionary policies to help create a more prosperous, livable, and sustainable Los Angeles.



To launch the OurLA2040 public engagement program, a series of Community Conversations will be taking place throughout the City in a neighborhood near you! This is an opportunity to share your perspective on the topics included in the General Plan update. The first phase of this series will take place in the month of October, focusing on the topics of Open Space and Community.

Join your neighbors and friends to help spark new ideas and shape a better future for Los Angeles:

Monday, October 2, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Westwood Presbyterian Church

[10822 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024](#)

Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m. – noon

Van Nuys Civic Center, Community Rooms 1A and 1B,

[14410 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys, CA 91401](#)

Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. – noon

West Angeles Senior Villas, Community Room,

[6030 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90043](#)

Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Emerson College, Assembly Room,

[5960 Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90028](#)

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE

### **The Moraga Drive On & Off-Ramps Closed at the 405; Lane Reductions on North Sepulveda Blvd at Moraga Drive**

On Saturday (9/23) and Sunday (9/24) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., SoCalGas will be performing a pipeline improvement project on North Sepulveda Boulevard at the Moraga Drive on and off-ramps for Interstate 405 in Los Angeles. Crews are expected to work on the natural gas pipeline during several weekends through the end of 2017.

To perform this pipeline improvement project safely, the Moraga Drive on and off-ramps will be closed to traffic. Northbound and southbound traffic on North Sepulveda Boulevard will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Westbound traffic on Moraga Drive will not be able to make a left turn onto southbound Sepulveda Boulevard. However, traffic will be able to make a right turn onto northbound Sepulveda Boulevard. Traffic control officers and signs will help direct the flow of traffic.

No interruption to natural gas service is anticipated.

Customers with questions or concerns about the construction work may call the SoCalGas Customer Contact Center 24-hours a day, seven-days a week at 800-427-2200.

### **Profile of Women in Council District 5**

The City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) works to advance the well-being of women and girls in LA. The commission investigates problems and conditions affecting women negatively and recommends solutions; promotes awareness of gender-based inequities in the workplace; and collaborates with groups that help to remove barriers to women reaching their full potential. Recently, Councilmember Koretz's Chief of Staff, Joan Pelico, and the Councilmember's School Liaison, Monica Molina, met with the CSW and were presented with an updated profile of women in Council District 5. This data will be used by legislative staff as a resource to evaluate current City policy and decide if changes are necessary.



#### **OUT IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **Los Angeles Mayor and City Council Welcome IOC President, Committee and Olympic Champions**

Just days after the announcement that LA will host the Olympic Games in 2028, Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles City Councilmembers welcomed Thomas Bach, International Olympic Committee President in the “city of angels.” Five time Olympic Champion Janet Evans and American Ice Hockey Olympic Champion Angela Ruggiero were also on-hand to celebrate #LA2028.



## **SoCal World War II Veterans Honored with France's Highest Military Medal**



Earlier this week, the French Legion of Honor was presented to ten World War II Veterans from around Southern California by Christophe Lemoine, the Consul General of France based in Los Angeles. The National Order of the Legion of Honor, France's highest award, was awarded in the rank of Chevalier to these local veterans for their distinguished service in France during World War II. The Councilmember Koretz's Chief Deputy of Public Safety Greg Martayan welcomed them on behalf of the Councilmember and presented the honorees with proclamations of recognition.

## Adopt Some Love

Looking for a new furry companion? Check out these LA Animal Shelter Dogs and Cats of the Week from the East Valley & West Valley City Animal Shelters. Please come meet our dogs and cats – they need homes now. Both shelter are open Tuesday through Saturday 8 am to 5 pm; Sunday 11 am to 5 pm (closed Mondays). Click on any photo below for details.



[Sylvester](#)

[Dinah](#)

[Cuddles](#)

[Baloo](#)



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